

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001436/26
to the Commission
Gerald Hauser (PfE)
(8 April 2026)**

Subject: Food Chain Reaction simulation exercise

Food Chain Reaction was a simulation exercise on global food security that took place in Washington DC on 9 and 10 November 2015. It brought together around 65 international decision-makers, experts from the world of politics, business and academia, and multilateral institutions to explore how the world could respond to a hypothetical global food crisis.

The simulation presented a scenario for the years 2020 to 2030 where factors such as population growth, urbanisation, extreme weather events, political conflicts and supply chain disruptions led to large fluctuations in food production and food prices. Participants had to develop policies and strategies and work together in teams — representing the US, the EU, China, Brazil, India, Africa, multinational institutions, private companies etc. — to address these crises.

1. In which simulations or table-top exercises in the agri-food sector has the Commission and its agencies participated?
2. What simulations, table-top exercises, workshops, etc. in the agri-food sector have the Commission and its agencies organised themselves?
3. In the aforementioned simulation exercise, who represented and played the role of the EU?

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**Answer given by Mr Hansen on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission acknowledges the importance of ensuring food supply and food security for European citizens at all times. Against this background the European Food Security Crisis preparedness and response Mechanism (EFSCM) has been established in 2021, bringing together all national and public key players of the food supply chain.

A series of initiatives including a mapping of risks and vulnerabilities and the adoption of recommendations, have been implemented since then to improve the level of preparedness.

This is being complemented by a wider preparedness framework including the Preparedness Union and the EU Stockpiling Strategies and by the recognition of production, processing and distribution of food as a vital societal function ⁽¹⁾.

In 2024, the Commission, through the EFSCM, participated in a Food Alert crisis simulation exercise ⁽²⁾, organised by a consortium of partners to stress test the EU food system.

In July 2025 ⁽³⁾, the EFSCM together with the Joint Research Centre, dedicated a full day workshop to the development of a methodology for stress testing the food sector and recently published an ‘Operational Framework for Stress Testing EU Food Security’ ⁽⁴⁾.

Regarding the exercise mentioned by the Honourable Member, it was a privately organised exercise without representation of the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2022/2557/oj/eng>.

⁽²⁾ <https://foodalert.socialsimulations.org/workshop/>.

⁽³⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/meetings/consult?lang=en&meetingId=62902&fromExpertGroups=3829>.

⁽⁴⁾ <https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC145765>.